Anthropology of China
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I. Shanghai and Beijing

Shanghai is actually a complex emptiness with a central plaza meant to be ignored. It is also with Moscow buildings all around.

Beijing is a traditional version, with Mao's peasant communes organised in this traditional city.

II. Vast Countrysides

All economic measures by Deng Xiaoping fall into the category SEZs by capitalism in China. It has also started grassroot organisations with apparatchiks.

III. The Old Mao Plan

Mao organised Soviet (Trotsky period) dynamics in Shanghai, peasant communes in countrysides and mass line in Beijing.

See the shift. In the future without Mao, I see a relic of a history. China is not a paradise for Adam Smith, it is a vast downridden past.